CLAIMS

1-25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended) A method for production of a brochure comprising the steps of:

joining at least one contents sheet and a cover sheet to one another and folding said sheets;

applying a stripe of glue for joining the sheets before folding; ~~and~~

~~further comprising the steps of~~ placing the contents sheet and cover sheet in separate guide planes before folding, said guide planes lying one above the other at a distance from one another in the vicinity of a folding device and in a parallel orientation to each other; and

moving the folding device in such a way that the sheets are joined to one another and folded simultaneously.

27. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the cover sheet is placed on the lower guide plane and the contents sheet is placed on the upper guide plane.

28. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the contents sheet reaches the guide plane directly from a feeder.

29. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the contents sheet which is folded n times reaches the guide plane directly from a folding machine.

30. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the cover sheet reaches the guide plane directly from a feeder.

31. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the two guide planes are supplied from opposite directions simultaneously with the cover sheet on one side and the contents sheet on the other side.

32. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the folding machine or the feeder for the contents sheet and the feeder for the cover sheet are mobile devices that are advanced directly to the two guide planes.

33. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the two guide planes, the folding device and the joining means supply device are mobile devices that are advanced directly to the folding machine or feeder for the contents sheet and to the feeder for the cover sheet.

34. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the cover sheet is provided with joining means, particularly a stripe of glue, before it is placed in the guide plane.

35. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein a maximum of 15,000 to 20,000 contents sheets and cover sheets per hour are fed to the two guide planes.

36. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the area of the folding device is monitored to determine whether or not the contents sheet and cover sheet are already placed and/or exactly positioned on the guide planes and/or have deficient quality.

37. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein defective and/or incorrectly positioned contents sheets and cover sheets are sorted out of the folding device and removed.

38. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein a cover sheet and a contents sheet are folded to form the brochure.

39. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the quality features of the brochure are detected after folding.

40. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the brochure is fed to a trimming or cutting device after folding and is cut therein.

41. (currently amended) A device for carrying out the method according to claim 26, comprising:

at least one sheet feed;

a joining means supply device for applying joining means;

a joining device for joining a cover sheet to at least one contents sheet; ~~and~~

a folding device; and

two guide planes lying one above the other at a distance from one another and in a parallel orientation to each other, the two guide planes being provided in the vicinity of the folding device for separate placement of the contents sheet and cover sheet in a guide plane, respectively; ~~and~~

said folding device being simultaneously a joining device so that the sheets can be joined during folding.

42. (previously presented) The device according to claim 41, wherein the guide plane for the contents sheet cooperates with a folding machine or with a feeder and can be supplied by the latter with a contents sheet in immediate succession.

43. (previously presented) The device according to claim 41, wherein the guide plane for the cover sheet cooperates with a feeder and can be supplied with a cover sheet by the latter in immediate succession.

44. (previously presented) The device according to claim 41, wherein the folding machine or the feeder for the contents sheet is arranged at the guide plane adjacent to the folding device, in particular at the upper guide plane.

45. (previously presented) The device according to claim 41, wherein the feeder for the cover sheet is arranged at the guide plane adjacent to guide plane, in particular at the lower guide plane.

46. (previously presented) The device according to claim 41, wherein the feeder for the cover sheet and the folding machine or feeder for the contents sheet are arranged on opposite sides of the guide planes so that the cover sheet and the contents sheet can be transported in opposite directions simultaneously.

47. (previously presented) The device according to claim 41, wherein stops are provided at the guide planes and, in particular, can be adjusted to the dimensions of the sheets.

48. (previously presented) The device according to claim 41, wherein monitoring devices which detect whether or not the contents sheet and cover sheet are placed and/or exactly positioned on the guide planes and/or which detect deficient quality are provided in the vicinity of the folding device.

49. (previously presented) The device according to claim 41, wherein a sorting device is provided which sorts out defective or incorrectly positioned contents sheets and cover sheets from the vicinity of the folding device and removes them.

50. (previously presented) The device according to claim 41, wherein a good/bad detection device is provided which detects quality features of the brochure after it exits the folding device.